

## Teaching Industry

Much Confusion  
as to Real  
Meaning

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HERE is a great deal of confusion about the meaning of the term "Industrial Education." Industrial education ought to mean trade schools and nothing but trade schools, that is schools directed primarily and expressly to the preparation of young men and women for the trades. All their whole time to the schools, just as they do to an ordinary high school; or by pupils who, being already at work, are allowed by their employers to give from six to twelve hours a week to the trade school. In recent times we have begun to take a rather different view of education from that we used to take. We used to think of education as something which was going to last perhaps to the fourteenth or eighteenth year, or in extreme cases, to the twenty-fourth or twenty-sixth year. We no longer think of education in this way. Education should be continuous throughout life and particularly it should be continuous during the years of youth. The trade schools should be continuation schools for those children who are unfortunately obliged to leave the regular public school system by the time they are fourteen, or even earlier.

These trade schools will require that children be kept under the observation of the community up to the seventeenth or eighteenth year, and be absolutely required to attend a continuation school, for part time at least, if attending no other. Here is a considerable departure from former practice in American legislation.

We want these industrial schools, these trade schools for children of from fourteen to seventeen or eighteen years of age. But how are we going to get the children into these schools? Suppose we organize the schools; how are the children to be got into them?

In the first place by the help of law extending the limit of compulsory education. But how shall the decision be made that certain children will go into industrial schools, others into the ordinary high schools, and others again into the mechanic arts high schools? Where is that decision to be made? It must be a choice or a selection. Here we come upon a new function for the teachers in our elementary schools, and in my judgment they have no function more important. The teachers of the elementary schools ought to sort the pupils and sort them by their evident or probable destinies. I am afraid that strikes you at once as an undemocratic idea, but let us see whether it is undemocratic or not.

## Woman the Natural Teacher

By JAMES P. MAGENIS.

The feminization of the schools, as it is termed, or, in another form, the question whether female instructors in large numbers tend to make male pupils less manly, has secured recognition in the forum of free discussion. A number of educators of prominence have taken sides, and the issue involved would seem to adjust itself in the category of woman's capabilities. Followed logically to its natural sequence it answers itself.

In womankind and children the Creator of the universe has seen fit to place strong ties of attraction and affection. The average woman is attracted to the average child by an inherent quality, that something which makes any child more to a woman than to a man; and the child in turn reciprocates. Man may amuse or entertain a child temporarily, but invariably the child tires of the man if the man does not first tire of the child. With woman it is different. Why? Ask the stars why they pursue unvarying courses. Ask the seasons the reasons for their round. It is so. That is all.

Thus with woman's established advantage at the outset, and with her natural gifts, she seems especially selected by a higher than human law to care for the young; and the world over, among the civilized and the savage, this is the rule. Thus woman is the natural teacher. Teaching is part of her natural vocation, whether it be in the schoolroom or the home. The question may arise, Is she the better one to do this? That is easy to decide. Her only possible competitor is man. Is man better adapted to train the young than is woman? Has he that peculiar insight into the little mind? Has he the intuition which latent motherhood provides? Has he the enduring patience, coupled with that gentle persuasion and perseverance which captivates, masters and controls the young? The history of humanity says no.

## Should Aim to Climb Higher

By REV. DE WITT M. BENHAM.

We are in danger of meagerness in our ordinary daily experience. Life is so monotonous and unbroken for many of us. To-day's proceedings so nearly duplicate to-morrow's. We rise, and dress, and eat, and do our stint of work, and go to bed; and our day's task is done. We rise, and dress, and do our stint again; and another day's task is done. We grind our life out in hours of feeding, working, sleeping; and at last we die, and some one else drops into the routine; and people say: "The world moves on." As if that kind of motion meant indeed that the world moves on.

The way to cope with this danger is by stern determination to climb higher, to rise above it, to get into a clearer and fresher atmosphere, to breathe spiritual truth. The man who, because his surroundings are sordid, denies the great realities of the unseen world, is a fool. You may be living now at a lower level, but there is no necessity for remaining there. Join the company of those who are ascending with the Divine Master. What we need are the higher attitudes to give us courage, hope and faith.

A poet once sang: "Hitch your wagon to a star." Some dispute whether one should aim higher than he knows any ability of his would be able to carry him. Reasoning thinkers have declared their opinions that the man who places his arrow within a realm in which he knows he can succeed will win out in the chosen spot and gradually fight his way to the top. It is also declared that the man who strives too high, without the graduation process, is fighting through life, as if at a mirage.

## GAINED ONLY BRIEF RESPIRE

John Henry's Cleverness But Put Off the Evil Times of Carpet Lifting.

"John Henry," said Mrs. Peddicord to her husband, "as soon as you get through your supper I want you to take up the carpet in the sitting-room, so that I can have it cleaned." "Maria Jane," replied John Henry, "let me tell you of a sad occurrence which happened a few days ago."

"Well?" "A man whose name I have forgotten, but which can be ascertained if necessary, for the newspaper in which I saw the account printed it in full, undertook to take up a carpet. In some way the tack-extractor slipped, and a rusty tack pierced his thumb. He thought nothing of it at the time, but in the night his thumb began to swell. The pain became excruciating. A physician was sent for, who did his best to alleviate the poor man's suffering, but without avail. Blood poisoning set in, and the poor fellow died in great agony."

"Well?" again remarked Mrs. Peddicord, as her husband ceased speaking.

"Well, dear, you surely do not still insist upon your husband taking up the sitting-room carpet and exposing himself to such a dreadful fate? Are you prepared to be a widow?"

"Yes, John Henry, I still insist upon having that carpet taken up; but I will let you postpone the operation until to-morrow night, so that during the day you may get your life insured for \$2,000."

## A HUMMER.

The teacher had carefully expounded the meaning of the word "extinct," and to make sure that the class had got a proper grip of the subject said:

"Now, each one of you must make up a sentence containing the word 'extinct,' and write it down carefully in your exercise-book."

Some few minutes subsequently the teacher read, set forth in the shaky round hand of Johnny Smith, "We had eggs to breakfast this morning, and my egg stink."

## PAY OF TEACHERS IN INDIA.

At present the minimum rate of pay of a teacher in government schools in Travancore is five rupees (6s. 8d) a month, and there are now 227 teachers on five rupees and 226 on six rupees (8s.) in government schools.

This pay is to be raised to seven rupees (9s. 4d) a month, and in future no teacher will be appointed in any government school on less than this salary.—Madras Mail.

## THE UNFORGIVABLE SIN.



"Grandad, what was Adam's great sin?" "Adam's great sin, Tommy? Why, parting with his rib, to be sure."

## THAT EXPLAINED ALL.

Hearty Party (meeting old acquaintance)—How are you? Haven't seen you for years. How's the wife.

Old Acquaintance (very much married, gruffly)—She's all right.

Hearty Party (pleasantly)—Ha! I brought you two together, you remember.

Old Acquaintance (resentfully)—Oh, it's you, is it, I owe a grudge to?—Ally Sloper.

## BARRED.

"If time hangs heavily on your hands, why don't you go into politics?"

"A man as rich as I am," answered Mr. Dustin Stax, "doesn't dare go into politics. He is considered lucky if they let him shove a card under the door with a check attached to it."—Washington Star.

## CURED IN ONE ACT.

"Fred, dear, I feel it in my bones that you are going to take me to the theater to-night."

"Which bone, darling?" "I'm not sure, but I think it's my wishbone!"—Sydney Bulletin.

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Dog poisoners who drop strychnine-loaded sausages from speeding autos have caused the death of 125 canines in Columbus, O., within the past few days.

The motor of Wilbur Wright's aeroplane exploded while he was making a flight, but Mr. Wright landed without injury to himself or further damage to the machine.

State Treasurer W. S. McKinnon is seriously ill with Bright's disease at his home in Columbus, O.

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